(b) whether the manufacturing of the said car will be in public sector; and

(c) if so, the terms and conditions laid down for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Government has not received any such proposal.

(c) Does not arise.

Violation of PF Rules by M/s Span India L.T.D.

3450. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s Span India Limited, Okhla Phase III, New Delhi has been violating the provident fund rules in respect of its employees;

(b) whether company has not been regularising its employees so as not to pay its contribution of provident fund as well as bonus which are due to them;

(c) whether the company is paying wages below than what has been specified in the Minimum Wages Act and thus exploiting its employees;

(d) if so, whether Government has taken any action against the company with details thereof and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Composition of Board of NMDC

3451. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the composition of Board of Directors of NMDC Limited and terms and duration of each of the members of office on the Board of the company;

(b) whether the management is making efforts to induct new members who do not have either sufficient project experience or much lesser experience of working as General Manager in the company compared to other experienced General Manager of mining discipline;

(c) whether Government would stop such incorrect move of the management in order that no vested group of people are there to cause damage to the company in any way; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) The composition of Board of Directors of NMDC Limited and terms and duration of the members are as given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Director	Pay Scale	Term & Duration	
			From	To
WHOLE TIME DIRECTORS				
1.	Shri C.S. Mohan, Chairman-cum Managing Director.	12000-400-14000	14.1.93	31.12.97
2.	Shri S. Jayaraman, Director (Finance)	10000-400-12000	9.12.93	8.12.98
3.	Director (Technical)	10000-400-12000	Vacant	
4.	Shri P.R. Tripathi, Director (Production)	10000-400-12000	11.12.94	10.12.99
PART TIME DIRECTORS				
5.	Shri Jiten Sanyal		8.10.93	7.10.96
6.	Shri N.K. Raghupath, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Steel		16.6.95	Until further orders.

Sl. No.	Name of the Director	Pay Scale	Term & Duration	
7.	Shri Arun Sharma, CCA (Steel & Mines)		7.12.95	—do—
8.	Shri S.N. Malik, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, MMTC Ltd.		13.9.93	—do—

(b) to (d) Appointments to the post of functional Director in Public Sector Enterprises under the administrative control of various Ministries/Department are made with the approval of the Appointment Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) in accordance with the provisions contained in Government of India (Transaction of Business) Rules, 1961, as amended from time to time. Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) is entrusted with the responsibility of selecting officers for the Board Level appointments in the Public Secter Enterprises. Accordingly, to fill up the post of Director (Technical) in National Mineral Development Corporation Limited (NMDC), PESB, after interview of the eligible candidates, recommended a panel of three candidates to Ministry of Steel. The PESB's recommendations for the appointment have been processed further for obtaining the approval of ACC.

Pre-examination Coaching for Minority Students

3452. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start pre-examination coaching to prepare students belonging to minorities to compete with others for Civil Services, States Services, Engineering, Medicine examinations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not whether Government propose to do so and when?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) and (b) The pre-examination coaching for weaker sections based on economic criteria is being implemented since 1992-93 for the target group consisting of other backward classes and minorities whose family income does not exceed Rs. 24,000/- per annum. This scheme is implemented through the reputed coaching institutions recommended by the concerned States/UT Govts. with 100% assistance by the Central Govt. The basic objective of the scheme is to train up candidates belonging to the target group to compete affactively on equal terms with other candidates in the tests leading to recruitment to various posts and admission in professional courses. An amount of Rs. 10 Crores has been earmarked under the VIII Five Year Plan. The budget provision for the year 1996-97 is Rs. 2 crores. A similar scheme is also being implemented by University Grants Commission through universities and colleges in the country.

(c) Does not arise.

MOU signed by STC

3453. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the STC signed a MOU on 11th June, 1993 with a private party against whom there was a business ban; and

(b) whether the Newsprint Division through Calcutta branch of STC dealt